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TRANSCRIPTION FOLLOWS

**John McCone Notes from 4:00 p.m. NSC Executive Committee Meeting
27 October 1962**

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